



Federal Aviation Administration

National Part 139 CertAlert

****Advisory**Cautionary**Non-Directive**Advisory**Cautionary**Non-Directive**Advisory**Cautionary**Non-Directive****

DATE: 11/21/2013 **No. 13-06**
TO: Airport Operators
SUBJECT: Field Condition Reporting (FICON) Limitations When Using the NOTAM Manager System Drop-Down List

Point of Contact: Phillip Davenport, AAS-300, (202) 267-7072

Email: Phillip.davenport@faa.gov

1. **Purpose.** This CertAlert notifies airport operators of a FICON reporting limitation they will encounter when using the drop-down menu in the NOTAM Manager System.
ENOTAM II users should not be impacted.
2. **Background.** Recent updates to the NOTAM Manager System have identified software issues that may prevent airport operators from reporting multiple contaminants when issuing FICON NOTAMs for runway/taxiway surfaces. For example, the system will not allow users to identify a secondary contaminant descriptor from the drop-down list of approved contaminants, within a single FICON NOTAM.
 - Users reported the inability to assign “patchy” to a secondary contaminant like “ice” or “compacted snow”. Previously, the NOTAM Manager System allowed for the following NOTAM:
 - RWY 2L/20R FICON THN DRY SN OVER **PATCHY** ICE
 - The current NOTAM Manager System will only allow the following NOTAM:
 - RWY 2L/20R FICON THN DRY SN OVER ICE
3. **Temporary Activity.** NOTAM Manager System users having issues reporting accurate field conditions via the drop-down menus should use the free-form NOTAM option until a software patch is applied to the program. Airport operators also have the option of reporting a NOTAM via telephone until the computer software is updated.
4. **Miscellaneous.** The NOTAM Manager System office has placed a high priority on addressing this limitation and will notify all NOTAM Manager System users once the issue is resolved. NOTAM Office contacts: Lynette Jamison, (540) 422-4761 / lynette.m.jamison@faa.gov and George Jackowski, (202) 385-7743 / george.j.jackowsk@faa.gov.

Brian Rushforth, Manager
Airport Safety and Operations Division, AAS-300